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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: LIGHT SOURCE APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH BEAM SHAPING ELEMENT AND OPTICAL PICK-UP APPARATUS
HAVING THE SAME

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 796 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 796 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/532,602

Examiner

Nathan Danielsén

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed 26 November 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-15, 19-22, 24 and 25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/26/08
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 6-15, 19-22, 24, and 25 are pending. Claims 1-5, 16-18, and 23 were canceled in applicant's amendment filed 26 November 2008.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Hill (Reg. # 28,220) on 25 February 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 6, line 5: "is almost equal and projecting" has been changed to --is almost equal in both the horizontal direction and the vertical direction and projecting --;

In claim 6, line 10: "the temperature change" has been changed to --a temperature change--;

In claim 6, lines 13-15: "wherein, in the beam shaping element, an outgoing surface is fixed so that the distance in the optical axis direction to the light source is almost constant in the range of change of the environmental temperature," has been changed to --wherein, in the beam shaping element, an outgoing surface is fixed so that a distance in the optical axis direction from the beam shaping element to the light source is almost constant in a range of the temperature change,--;

In claim 6, line 18: "the shape change" has been changed to --a shape change--;

In claim 6, line 21: "whose" has been changed to --having a--;

In claim 6, line 21: "satisfies" has been changed to --satisfying--;

In claim 6, line 24: "of the at least one" has been changed to --of at least one--;

In claim 6, line 25: "is non-circular arc" has been changed to --is a non-circular arc--;

In claim 6, lines 32-36: "hereupon, Z is a distance in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction) (an advancing direction of the light is positive), X, Y are distances in X-axis direction

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(horizontal direction), Y-axis direction (vertical direction)(height from the optical axis), R_x is a paraxial radius of curvature on XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ surface, k_x, k_y, A_{xi} and A_{yi} are non-circular arc coefficients." has been changed to --wherein: Z is a distance in a Z-axis direction, Z corresponds to the optical axis direction, and Z is positive in an advancing direction of the light emitted by the light source, X and Y are distances in an X-axis direction, which corresponds to the horizontal direction, and a Y-axis direction, which corresponds to the vertical direction, the X and Y distances indicate a height from the optical axis in each of the X- and Y-axes, R_x is a paraxial radius of curvature on the XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ surface, and k_x, k_y, A_{xi} , and A_{yi} are non-circular arc coefficients.--;

In claim 8, line 5: "is almost equal and projecting" has been changed to --is almost equal in both the horizontal direction and the vertical direction and projecting --;

In claim 8, line 10: "the temperature change" has been changed to --a temperature change--;

In claim 8, lines 19-23: "hereupon, Z is a distance in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction) (an advancing direction of the light is positive), X, Y are distances in X-axis direction (horizontal direction), Y-axis direction (vertical direction)(height from the optical axis), R_x is a paraxial radius of curvature on XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ surface, k_x, k_y, A_{xi} and A_{yi} are non-circular arc coefficients." has been changed to --wherein: Z is a distance in a Z-axis direction, corresponds to the optical axis direction, and is positive in an advancing direction of the light emitted by the light source, X and Y are distances in an X-axis direction, which corresponds to the horizontal direction, and a Y-axis direction, which corresponds to the vertical direction, the X and Y distances indicate a height from the optical axis in each of the X- and Y-axes, R_x is a paraxial radius of curvature on the XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ surface, and k_x, k_y, A_{xi} , and A_{yi} are non-circular arc coefficients.--;

In claim 10, lines 5 and 6: "the reproducing and/or recording of the information" has been changed to --reproducing and recording of information--;

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In claim 11, line 4: "the divergent angle of the" has been changed to --a divergent angle of the--;

In claim 11, line 8: "hereupon" has been changed to --wherein--;

In claim 11, line 9: "L:" has been changed to --L is--;

In claim 11, line 10: "S:" has been changed to --S is--;

In claim 11, line 11: "surface," has been changed to --surface, and--;

In claim 11, line 12, "fc:" has been changed to --fc is--;

In claim 13, line 5: "the reproducing and/or recording of the information" has been changed to --
reproducing and recording of information--;

In claim 14, line 4: "the divergent angle of the" has been changed to --a divergent angle of the--;

In claim 14, line 8: "hereupon" has been changed to --wherein--;

In claim 14, line 9: "L:" has been changed to --L is--;

In claim 14, line 10: "S:" has been changed to --S is--;

In claim 14, line 11: "surface," has been changed to --surface, and--;

In claim 14, line 12, "fc:" has been changed to --fc is--;

In claim 19, line 5: "is almost equal and projecting" has been changed to --is almost equal in both
the horizontal direction and the vertical direction and projecting --;

In claim 19, line 10: "the temperature change" has been changed to --a temperature change--;

In claim 19, line 14: "of the at least one" has been changed to --of at least one--;

In claim 19, line 15: "is non-circular arc" has been changed to --is a non-circular arc--;

In claim 19, lines 22-26: "hereupon, Z is a distance in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction)
(an advancing direction of the light is positive), X, Y are distances in X-axis direction
(horizontal direction), Y-axis direction (vertical direction)(height from the optical axis), R_x
is a paraxial radius of curvature on XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ
surface, k_x , k_y , A_{x0} and A_{y0} are non-circular arc coefficients." has been changed to
--wherein: Z is a distance in a Z-axis direction, corresponds to the optical axis direction,
and is positive in an advancing direction of the light emitted by the light source, X and Y
are distances in an X-axis direction, which corresponds to the horizontal direction, and a

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Y-axis direction, which corresponds to the vertical direction, the X and Y distances indicate a height from the optical axis in each of the X- and Y-axes, R_x is a paraxial radius of curvature on the XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ surface, and k_x , k_y , A_{xi} , and A_{yi} are non-circular arc coefficients.—;

In claim 21, line 5: "is almost equal and projecting" has been changed to —is almost equal in both the horizontal direction and the vertical direction and projecting —;

In claim 21, line 10: "the temperature change" has been changed to —a temperature change—;

In claim 21, line 14: "of the at least one" has been changed to —of at least one—;

In claim 21, line 15: "is non-circular arc" has been changed to —is a non-circular arc—;

In claim 21, lines 22-26: "hereupon, Z is a distance in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction) (an advancing direction of the light is positive), X, Y are distances in X-axis direction (horizontal direction), Y-axis direction (vertical direction)(height from the optical axis), R_x is a paraxial radius of curvature on XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ surface, k_x , k_y , A_{xi} and A_{yi} are non-circular arc coefficients." has been changed to —wherein: Z is a distance in a Z-axis direction, corresponds to the optical axis direction, and is positive in an advancing direction of the light emitted by the light source, X and Y are distances in an X-axis direction, which corresponds to the horizontal direction, and a Y-axis direction, which corresponds to the vertical direction, the X and Y distances indicate a height from the optical axis in each of the X- and Y-axes, R_x is a paraxial radius of curvature on the XZ surface, R_y is a paraxial radius of curvature on YZ surface, and k_x , k_y , A_{xi} , and A_{yi} are non-circular arc coefficients.—;

In claim 24, line 7: "is almost equal and projecting" has been changed to —is almost equal in both the horizontal direction and the vertical direction and projecting —;

In claim 24, line 13: "the temperature change" has been changed to —a temperature change—;

In claim 24, line 23: "the divergent angle of the" has been changed to —a divergent angle of the—;

In claim 24, line 28: "hereupon" has been changed to —wherein—;

In claim 24, line 29: "L." has been changed to —L is—;

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In claim 24, line 30: "S:" has been changed to --S is--;

In claim 24, line 31: "surface," has been changed to --surface, and--; and

In claim 24, line 32, "fc:" has been changed to --fc is--.

Citation of Relevant Prior Art

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - a. Hatade et al (US Patent Application Publication 2006/0103907) disclose a beam shaping lens similar to applicant's claimed beam shaping lens.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, either alone or in combination and including the newly found art to Hatade et al, fails to teach or fairly suggest applicant's claimed invention, for the reasons found in the Office action mailed 29 August 2008.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Closing Remarks/Comments

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan Danielsen whose telephone number is (571)272-4248. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, A.L. Wellington can be reached on (571) 272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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